

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, this work is included in Annual Plan 1991-92 for sanction at an estimated cost of Rs. 35 crores.

Industry

Sick Industrial Units

2537. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the details of the extent of funds loaned by nationalised banks to sick industrial units; and the steps taken to convert these units into profitable ones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the outstanding bank credit from nationalised banks to sick industrial units as at the end of December, 1988 (the latest date for which information has been compiled and is available) amounted to Rs. 5243.98 crores.

Detailed guidelines have been issued by RBI regarding the formulation and implementation of rehabilitation packages for the revival of sick units considered potentially viable. Rehabilitation packages provide, inter-alia, for the funding of existing dues of banks and financial institutions with an extended period for repayment thereof in a phased manner, interest concessions, grant of fresh term loan as also fresh working capital facilities.

For non-SSI sick industrial companies, the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction, a quasi-judicial body set up under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, has been adequately empowered to take necessary action for the determination of preventive, ameliorative, remedial and other measures and the expeditious enforcement of such measures.

Increase in Parliamentary Constituencies due to growth of Population

2538. DR. VASANT PAWAR : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the number of Parliamentary Constituencies in India is likely to increase as a result of growth of population as revealed census; provisional figures of the recent Census; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARMANGALAM) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. As a matter of fact, the Constitution (Seventy-first) Amendment Bill, 1990 which is pending before Parliament proposes delimitation of constituencies without changing the number thereof.

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Foreign Loan

2539. SHRIMATI D. K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to ensure that all foreign loans aid is strictly used for purchase of capital goods for setting up mother machines and not for soft projects such as dairying and food processing etc. for which internal resources can be raised; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) and (b) Foreign loan/assistance is taken mainly for meeting the foreign exchange requirements of various project and non-project programmes according to our National Plan priorities. However, bilateral/multilateral aid is resorted to in respect of projects for

which internal resources can be raised provided they result in additional inflow of foreign exchange.

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Issue of Licences to Automobile Workshops

2540. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Mass emission norms for vehicles soon" appearing in the Indian Express of February 23, 1991;

(b) the details of action taken on the various points brought out therein; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to licence all the automobile workshops in the country to ensure better servicing and upkeep of the vehicles given to them for servicing and repairs etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The action taken position on the various points raised in the Press Report is as follows :

- (i) Apart from Automotive Research Association of India, Central Farm Machinery Testing and Training Institute and Vehicle Research and Development Establishment are also the authorised testing agencies. The testing agencies have confirmed that they have issued necessary certificates to the manufacturers after ensuring that the prototype of the vehicle conforms to the standards laid down in the Motor Vehicles Rules.

(ii) The responsibility for implementing the provisions relating to pollution control rests with the State Governments/Union Territories. The infrastructure is being gradually built up by the State Governments/Union Territories. Necessary equipments have to be purchased from indigenous sources and where ever necessary supplemented by imports.

(iii) All the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act/Rules, except a few, have already been brought into force.

(iv) As regards Mass Rapid Transit System, the Delhi Administration had engaged M/s RITES to take up a techno-economic feasibility study for the introduction of Mass Rapid Transit System for Delhi. The report was submitted to the Delhi Administration. The Govt. of India in consultation with the Delhi Administration have constituted a Steering Committee to take preparatory action.

(v) With a view to reduce lead content in the motor spirit, the Government have approved installation of catalytic reformers at Barauni and Digboi refineries as an effective measure towards pollution control.

(c) No, Sir.